

men, that, after the Southern States have retired from the Union, some reconstruction of the terms of union may be brought about which may prove acceptable to all the States. Both sides are destined to witness great distress, even if we separate peaceably. In my opinion, neither the North nor the South are responsible for this state of things. The curse will ever rest upon the detestable Democratic Party.

In the hope of better days,  
I remain yours truly,

A. W. Chapman.

Apalachicola Dec. 8. 1860

Dear Doctor

Your of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult is just received. *Carex Mitchelliana*, you see, I copy from Curtis, in whose Hb. alone I have seen it. I have no specimen. *C. Caroliniana*, I received (a very poor specimen) from Buckley. I can let him (Boott) have it if nothing better can be done.

Not a single nut of *Palmetto* is to be found hereabouts this year. It would seem that they do not make seeds every year. I knew long ago that the Saw Palmetto acted thus, for I have not been able to get the ripe fruit of it yet.

I'm only tolerable, thank you, how are you?

I don't know <sup>how</sup> *Irison* is all getting on with my *Gora*; those that I had

sent to me (200 copies) are nearly all gone. But the times are so sadly out of joint now I do not expect any further demand until the storm has passed and a new order of things is inaugurated.

It is hard to think of but we are certainly breaking up. No power on earth can keep us longer together.

The only consolation for quiet men is "The Lord reigneth" - Reckless politics on our side & wild fanaticism on yours have done the business effectually. Whether the Northern States repeal their obnoxious laws, is now a matter of no <sup>such</sup> consequence as most of the northern papers seem to suppose.

The deed is fully determined on and will be consummated with the hearty approval or acquiescence of three quarters of the entire population of the South.

Dec'r. 19

Since writing the foregoing, I have received yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> with the enclosed. If you correspond with Buckley perhaps you could get a specimen of Carex Caroliniana for Boott from him. Curtis has two remaining specimens of C. Mitchelliana in his Herb. & perhaps he would spare or loan one. The other requests of Boott I will attend to, in a small package which I have nearly ready for him.

The Vol. of Illustrations please wrap securely and send by Express, via Columbus, Georgia.

You have long (too long) heard what the Northern pulpit had to say touching the moral aspects of Slavery. Please see what one of our most eminent Southern Divines thinks (in the Pamphlet herewith sent).

I feel so sad! You can't help us now; it is too late. There is a hope, a very faint one indeed, among honest